

# SAINT LOUIS BIRD CLUB

## BULLETIN

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### NEW OFFICERS

William Neal Kelley was elected President of the Club at the annual meeting held last May. A member for many years, Mr. Kelley is an ardent nature enthusiast, and a keen 'birder'. Vice Presidents are: Luther Ely Smith and E. G. Cherbonnier. Secretary: Myron Northrop. Treasurer: Ethel F. Von Hahn. Directors: Paul Bakewell, Jr., Dean William G. Bowling, James Earl Comfort, Lucien R. Fouke, R. Fairfax Funston, Elizabeth Golterman, Leonard Hall, Edward K. Love, Stratford Lee Morton, Mrs. H. H. Quynn, Charles M. Rice, Mrs. Irma S. Rombauer, Mrs. William Scarlett, Wayne Short, Dr. Robert J. Terry, John W. Thomsen, Mrs. Joseph E. Vollmar, Mrs. Edward J. Walsh, Ethel Wolfe.



WM. NEAL KELLEY

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### JONES CHECK LIST

It is with much pleasure that we announce publication of the third edition of "Migratory and Permanent Resident Birds in the St. Louis Region", written by Sterling P. Jones. In addition to basic dates and status of our birdlife, and a section on the European Tree Sparrow this new edition contains a special article on the Bluebird, official State Bird of Missouri. These booklets cost 25c and can be obtained from Miss Anne Bayha, 5742 Page Blvd.

### CONSERVATION CITATION

On Monday, November 17, Wayne Short, president of our Club for eight years, and for the past several years also Assistant to the President of the National Audubon Society, will receive the Club's Conservation Citation for 1947. Recipient in 1946

was Edward K. Love; in 1945, Sterling P. Jones. The Citation this year is in recognition of Wayne Short's efforts towards conservation education, not only in the Missouri region, but on a continental scale. Due to his tireless zeal some half million people from coast to coast in the

WAYNE SHORT

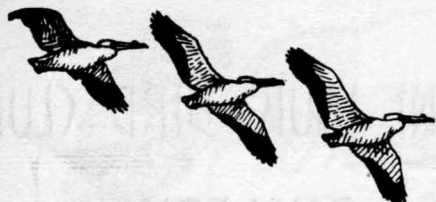
United States and Canada will participate this season in educational lecture programs which stimulate interest in and appreciation of the out-of-doors. He has been a vital force in awakening great numbers of people to the need for conservation of our nation's priceless natural resources.

The program for this special occasion will be "Canada West", color motion picture presented by Bert Harwell of Berkeley, California, famous naturalist and wildlife photographer. Close views of beaver, moose and elk; buffalo, mountain sheep and goats; game and songbird species of the north woods country, land of gleaming glacier-covered peaks, clear lakes like jewels set in deep rock cups, wild forests of spruce and aspen. At Third Baptist Church, Grand at Washington, Monday, November 17, 8:15 p. m.

### AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS

- Nov. 17, Monday—"Canada West" by Bert Harwell of Berkeley, Calif.  
Dec. 12, Friday—"North With the Birds" by George M. Sutton of Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Jan. 6, Tuesday—"Under Buckeye Skies" by Karl Maslowski of Cincinnati, Ohio  
Feb. 23, Monday—"Traveling Along the Labrador" by Alfred M. Bailey of Denver, Colo.  
Mar. 19, Friday—"Athabaska Sojourn" by Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr. of Northfield, Minn.  
Apr. 26, Monday—"Bits of Land Along the Coast" by Telford H. Work of California.

Third Baptist Church — Grand at Washington, 8:15 p. m.



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## ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY!

On November 9, at a special business meeting of Active, Regular, and Sustaining members, at Brown Hall, Washington University, it was voted overwhelmingly to change the name of the Club to the St. Louis Audubon Society. The new name better expresses our broader interests. Our activities and policies remain unchanged. Our objectives are as before: greater appreciation and knowledge of the world of nature; the preservation and protection of our native wildlife and natural resources. The new name more closely allies us to the splendid conservation work of the National Audubon Society of which we have been a branch for the past several years; and adds dignity to our organization.

Father Link, our good friend and member, presented the program feature of the evening: "Gopher Country" a nature travelogue through Minnesota, much enjoyed by members and their friends.

### LOCAL PROGRAM

JAN. 22, THURS. 8:00 P. M.

"Member's Night"

Academy of Science, 4642 Lindell

FEB. 6, FRI. 7:30 P. M.

"Indoor Field Trip"

Div. of Audio-Visual Educ., 4466 Olive

MAR. 6, SAT. 3-5 P. M.

"Behind the Scenes at the Bird House"  
Bird House, Forest Park

APR. 5, MON. 8:00 P. M.

"Fuertes, the Bird Artist"

City Art Museum, Forest Park

MAY 17, MON.

ANNUAL MEETING, 7:45 P. M.

"A Naturalist Afield," 7:45 P. M.  
Educ'l Bldg., Third Baptist Church

## A FLYING START

If we may be permitted a little pun, the St. Louis Bird Club got off to a "flying" start this season, with activities which were highly successful. Earliest event was something new: the Hostel weekend at DeSoto, Mo., September 27-28. About fifty Club members accepted the hospitality of the American Youth Hostels, and had a grand time "roughing it". The fine field trips, led by expert leaders, plus the fire-place jamboree helped make this an outstanding weekend; and one we hope to repeat if possible.

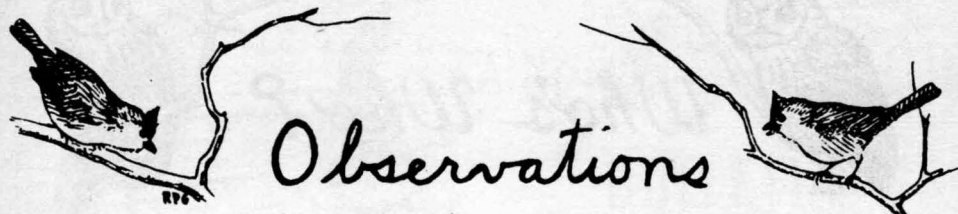
First Screen Tour for 47-48, "This Curious World in Nature", was presented by William Ferguson of Omaha on Thursday, October 2. In color motion pictures Mr. Ferguson gave interesting facts and the story behind the facts... about birds, plants and flowers, as well as deer, beaver, porcupine, chipmunks and others. Club members were appreciative of the superb photography as it caught the special charm of these creatures of the wilderness, and expressed it through frequent spontaneous applause. Among other things, we shall not soon forget those chipmunk antics!

The "Outing to Possum Trot Farm No. 1", first Local Program to be scheduled out-of-doors, proved to be a great 'hit'. An estimated 300 people showed up during the course of the afternoon and evening. Of course with so many people around, you wouldn't expect to see a lot of interesting birds. But several did find a pileated woodpecker. The weather was ideal and the countryside so beautiful it was a treat just to hike along paths and lanes which many of us had come to know through the writings of Leonard Hall, former owner. After a congenial picnic supper, with talks by Father Link and Bill Kelley, Myron Northrop showed his lovely color slides of Possum Trot in the making.

## FREE SCREEN TOURS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

One of the most gratifying uses to which last season's Loyalty Contribution funds have been put is the series of Audubon Screen Tour lecture programs presented free to school children of St. Louis. Through the cooperation of the Board of Education some 8,000 grade school children and their teachers will this year see and hear these educational and entertaining programs. Mr. E. H. Beumer, Assistant Superintendent is in charge for the Board of Education. Elizabeth Golterman, Director of the Division of Audio-Visual Education is Chairman. First program of the series was "Suwannee Adventure" by Allan Cruickshank of New York.

If you do not already have Active, Regular or Sustaining Membership, join up now! Contact S. B. Heckler, Executive Secretary, 1207 No. 7th St., St. Louis 6, Mo. CE 0631.



## LATE SPRING — SUMMER — EARLY FALL, 1947

Our Observations Editor, James Earl Comfort, reports that these have been exceptionally fine seasons both from the standpoint of variety of species observed and the number of rare bird finds. This is particularly true with regard to shore birds, twenty six species of which had been recorded by October 11. By September 1 Kurt Wesseling, Jr., Jack Van Benthuyzen and James Earl Comfort had already recorded over 200 species of birds each, in the St. Louis region.

Among the best finds in the shorebird group were ruddy turnstone, northern phalarope, western willet, white-rumped sandpiper, red-backed sandpiper, buff-breasted sandpiper, sanderling, and western sandpiper.

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Four northern phalaropes in breeding plumage were first reported by Jim Jackson and Jack Van Benthuyzen at Creve Coeur on May 25, a date of importance because it appears that this is the first spring record of this species in the St. Louis area, and perhaps in Missouri.

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Creve Coeur was also the locale for the ruddy turnstones, two of them being seen there by Earl Comfort and Kurt Wesseling, Jr. on Memorial Day.

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A common loon, not at all common here, of course, was seen by Dick Grossenheider on a lake in Forest Park, May 27.

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One of the very finest observations recently was the blue grosbeak, by Barbara Ingraham and Dick Grossenheider, at Gray's Summit, Mo.

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Here's a new way to observe birds: George Oonk, while in a plane near St. Louis, added the white pelican to his year's list!

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On August 23 Helen Einspanier and Ethel Wolfe found a western willet at Creve Coeur. On the following day members of the Webster Groves group had the pleasure of seeing it, too.

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Snowy egrets were reported during September, both in St. Charles County and in Dupu, Illinois.

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Duck hawks seem to be on the increase here, these days. The one that visited downtown St. Louis found himself famous, pictured in a St. Louis newspaper. And others were seen in St. Charles County.

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Pigeon hawks, which would be a "life bird" to so many of us, were seen by Beulah Bedell, Ellen Cone, Earl Comfort, Frances Pickel, and Kurt Wesseling, Jr., during mid-September.

### \$50.00 IN PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZES!

Through the generosity of one of our Members the St. Louis Bird Club again offers prizes for excellence in wildlife photography. Designed to stimulate interest in amateur nature photography, the contest is open to all Bird Club members. Pictures may be black and white, or color. Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10. Closing date April 1, 1948. For further details contact Photography Contest Chairman, Mrs. Waldemar Palm, KI 3235.



# Who's Who?



The successful and smooth functioning of a large and active organization such as ours depends very largely upon the loyal support and service rendered by members of the various committees, and particularly on their chairmen. For example, it was the volunteer members of the Flower Show Committee, headed by John McGuire and Mrs. George Klinkerfuss, last spring who made the Bird Club booth so popular. Mrs. Klinkerfuss also handled arrangements for a booth at the St. Louis County Fair, in August.

Chairmen for this season's committees include: Membership, Helen Henke; Contact, Mildred Reese; Door, Helen Einspanier; Projection, Nicholas Short; Photography Contest, Mrs. Waldemar Palm; Posters, Mrs. Roy Battenberg; Education, J. Marshall Wagner; Supplies, Anne Bayha; Hostels, Mrs. Edward Wood; Children's Matinee Screen Tours, Elizabeth Golterman; Nature Centre, Father Link.

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Several of our Club members had interesting summer jobs in the wildlife field. Robert Hecht was at the Delta Waterfowl Research Station, Delta, Manitoba. Jack Battenberg was Museum Assistant at Yosemite National Park. Jim Jackson worked at Bear River Refuge, Brigham, Utah. Ed LeBeau, Jr., took part in the annual seal catch at the Pribiloff Islands, Alaska.

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Mrs. Joseph E. Vollmar and Ethel Von Hahn were so taken with their visit to the Gaspe this summer that Helen Henke decided to go, too. Bishop and Mrs. William Scarlett returned for the second year to famous Bonaventure Sanctuary, off the Gaspe peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Alex Hope travelled in western Canada and Alaska. We hope to see some of the movies taken on this trip at the "Member's Night" meeting, January 22.

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Ornithologists come young these days! Mrs. W. F. Ziervogel's seven year old son, younger brother to Jim, pointed to a bird in their yard at 6922 Dale and called excitedly "Woodpecker". It turned out to be a pileated, no less! This was on November 4.

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It has been suggested that a group of Club members get together on a "share the expense" trip to South Carolina to participate in one of the Audubon Wildlife Tours, at Christmas time. If you are interested, phone Mr. Wm. J. Bremser, CABany 2299.

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The Club was represented at the National Audubon Convention in New York this fall by our Executive Secretary Syd Heckler.

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Roberta Foote, former Club member, is now secretary of the Topeka Audubon Society, a very "live" organization.

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Editors have a hard time keeping up with things. We just learned, for example, that Mr. Griffin McCarthy had participated in some of those wonderful Audubon Wildlife Tours in Florida. Someone must tell us these things!! Call CABanne 6735, and let us know what's a-birding.

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